

# EDITORIALS

## Dependence on County

Evidently there was some tongue-in-cheek talking when Richard Newton, one of Supervisor Burton Chace's alert deputies, wrote the City of Torrance a letter last week.

The letter was provoked by a recent resolution of the city in which Torrance went on record as being opposed to the so-called "Lakeview Plan" of the County in offering municipal services. Torrance, incidentally, enjoys 10 such services including the important health and library services.

In his letter Mr. Newton suggested that in view of the city's resolution the County was assuming Torrance wanted these services cancelled. Now Torrance would be in a predicament if the County officials took the resolution at face value and, we suspect, Mr. Newton knew as much before he wrote that letter.

The situation does point up the interdependence of cities throughout the county and their collective dependence upon county government. Many cities are municipalities in name only for they "farm out" some of their most important functions to the county building. There are many distinct advantages in this policy that is not unique in California but is far more prevalent here than in other metropolitan areas throughout the nation.

This little exchange between the City of Torrance and L. A. County will serve to point up how much this city depends on the county to make the local governmental machinery run smoothly. The economics are obvious and we have heard few complaints about the loss of home rule.

## Policemen in Peril

The heinous killing of two El Segundo police officers re-emphasizes the great risk taken almost daily by our police officers in line of duty. The wave of vicious crime throughout the country places every officer doing even the most routine task in jeopardy.

The El Segundo officers were apparently making an arrest for a traffic offense when they were shot down by a mad killer who even now may be repeating his crimes most anywhere in the country. Every other policeman in the area will have that tragedy in mind every time he questions a suspect or makes even the most trivial arrest. And no one will blame him.

Besides commanding the respect of the public, a policeman doing his duty should have complete cooperation of the lawabiding citizen. Instant compliance with an order or signal to halt for questioning is called for and will be given by any pedestrian or motorist who values his own safety. Armed officers must not be placed in a state of mind where they will be prone to shoot first and ask questions later.

## TODAY'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 Dry  
5 Peris  
9 Animal's foot  
12 Crescent-shaped figure  
13 Cognomen  
14 Wash  
15 Man's nickname  
16 Puff  
18 Period of time  
21 Exist  
22 Allows  
24 Burden  
27 Self-satisfied  
29 Proportion  
31 Unit  
32 Weir  
34 Pole of a team-drawn vehicle  
36 105  
37 Tangles  
38 Depressing  
41 By  
42 Tardy  
44 To clean  
45 Chart  
47 Pattern  
49 Medicinal plant  
50 Lamb's pen name  
52 Game of billiards  
54 Bone  
55 Illumined  
57 Strong, low cut  
59 Pronoun  
61 Code by  
62 War god  
63 Poker stake  
67 Negative  
68 Archaic; to interpret  
69 Yucatan Indian

**DOWN**

1 Malt beverage  
2 Elementary proposition  
4 Moisture  
5 To deduce  
6 Climbing palm  
7 Part of  
8 Born  
9 Musical instrument  
10 Land measure  
11 You and I  
17 Mulberry  
19 Artificial language  
21 Chapter of the Koran  
23 Let it stand  
25 Giltiness  
26 Harsh  
27 "Open,"  
28 Lamb's

**30 Organ of hearing**  
33 Ardor  
35 Size of type  
38 To desist  
40 Moisture  
43 Ate away  
45 Helmsman  
48 Inventor of the telegraph

**51 Sloth**  
53 Note of scale  
56 Sailor  
58 Sweet potato  
60 Reception  
61 Article  
62 To depart  
64 Note of scale  
66 Symbol for sodium

## SUNDAY PUZZLE ANSWER

**ACROSS**

1 DRY  
5 PERIS  
9 FOOT  
12 CRESCENT  
13 COGNOMEN  
14 WASH  
15 NICKNAME  
16 PUFF  
18 PERIOD  
21 EXIST  
22 ALLOWS  
24 BURDEN  
27 SATISFIED  
29 PROPORTION  
31 UNIT  
32 WEIR  
34 POLE  
36 105  
37 TANGLES  
38 DEPRESSING  
41 BY  
42 TARDY  
44 CLEAN  
45 CHART  
47 PATTERN  
49 MEDICINAL  
50 LAMB  
52 BILLIARDS  
54 BONE  
55 ILLUMINED  
57 STRONG  
59 PRONOUN  
61 CODE  
62 WAR  
63 POKER  
67 NEGATIVE  
68 ARCHAIK  
69 YUCATAN

**DOWN**

1 MALT  
2 ELEMENTARY  
4 MOISTURE  
5 DEDUCE  
6 CLIMBING  
7 PART  
8 BORN  
9 MUSICAL  
10 LAND  
11 YOU  
17 MULBERRY  
19 ARTIFICIAL  
21 CHAPTER  
23 LET  
25 GILTINESS  
26 HARSH  
27 OPEN  
28 LAMB  
30 HEARING  
33 ARDOR  
35 TYPE  
38 DESIST  
40 MOISTURE  
43 AWAY  
45 HELMSMAN  
48 TELEGRAPH  
51 SLOTH  
53 SCALE  
56 SAILOR  
58 POTATO  
60 RECEPTION  
61 ARTICLE  
62 DEPART  
64 SCALE  
66 SODIUM

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

<b>ARIES</b> 21-23	<b>TAURUS</b> 21-23	<b>GEMINI</b> 21-23	<b>CANCER</b> 21-23	<b>LEO</b> 21-23	<b>VIRGO</b> 21-23
<b>LIBRA</b> 21-23	<b>SCORPIO</b> 21-23	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> 21-23	<b>CAPRICORN</b> 21-23	<b>AQUARIUS</b> 21-23	<b>PISCES</b> 21-23

1 Through 31  
2 Telling  
3 Diligent  
4 Effort  
5 Be  
6 Efforts  
7 Unselfish  
8 Semblance  
9 Favorable  
10 Development  
11 Precipitation  
12 Don't  
13 Let  
14 Take  
15 Take  
16 Your  
17 Save  
18 Can  
19 Save  
20 Overcome  
21 Ideas  
22 Telling  
23 Need  
24 Fat  
25 Problems  
26 Block  
27 Advantage  
28 Eliminate  
29 Cures  
30 Against

31 Will  
32 People  
33 Sense  
34 From  
35 Of  
36 That  
37 Plus  
38 Over-doing  
39 Persistence  
40 Don't  
41 Surprise  
42 True  
43 In  
44 In  
45 Worthwhile  
46 Con  
47 Regarding  
48 And  
49 Increase  
50 Increase  
51 Vists  
52 Advice  
53 Lost  
54 Well  
55 Problems  
56 May  
57 Short  
58 Received  
59 Come  
60 As

61 Income  
62 Home  
63 From  
64 As  
65 Unduly  
66 Burden  
67 Plus  
68 Individuals  
69 Persistence  
70 Don't  
71 Surprise  
72 True  
73 Words  
74 Breaks  
75 Or  
76 Motion  
77 Appointment  
78 Worrying  
79 Increase  
80 Increase  
81 Spread  
82 Advice  
83 Or  
84 Burden  
85 Or  
86 Promptly  
87 Underlining  
88 Expenses  
89 Glibly  
90 Approved

## Too Many Lifeguards



## YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

### Too Young to Camp Out

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 14 and need some help. Four of my girl friends have permission from their parents to pitch a tent in the public park and spend a couple of nights there. My folks say I can't go because there will be no chaperone.

The people at the park office said it would be all right because the other campers would watch out for us. Also, there are State Police in that area at all times. I don't see any good reason why my folks are so narrow-minded on this subject. It would be lots of fun and nothing bad could happen to us. Will you please tell me what arguments I can put up so they will change their minds? — MISS L. G.

should have the privilege of making it as easy on herself as possible.

Dear Ann: Spring Showers are giving me rheumatism of the budget. I know yours is not a medical column but can't something be done to cure this epidemic?

Since April I've attended eight showers and have invitations for six more. The girls I bought engagement gifts and wedding gifts for are now being feted by relatives at baby-showers. These same girls are honored over and over again by cousins, sisters, aunts and in-law, and frankly, I'm sick of it.

Many of us would like to entertain for our former col-

lege chums and present business associates, but after the relatives are through descending on us with showers, we're just too broke to buy a cookie.

Please mention this in your column and suggest a long dry spell. It would be a welcome relief.—S.S.S.

Dear S.S.S.: In the absence of that "long dry spell" I can suggest another form of relief. One of the shortest and most useful words in the English language is "NO." Try it.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)  
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## THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

### Me? A Father

My wife called me at the office the other day.

"You're a father," she cried.

"Yes dear," I murmured, from force of habit.

Then, I stopped to think. If my wife had been about to produce an heir, she had neglected to tell me about it, although she might have planned it as a surprise. Still, she hadn't shown any outward sign of making the two of us three. The thought startled me.

"What was that again?" I asked, breathless.

"You're a father. We have kittens," she hollered into the phone.

"This announcement also startled me a little because we didn't have a cat.

"Have you been drinking?" I asked her.

"No, no, and they've ruined a whole box of my stuff," she gasped. "I don't know why they had to pick our garage."

I alarmed her down a little and managed to piece together the stirring saga of my fatherhood. It seems my ever loving had gone out to the garage to sort through a box of her belongings. As she opened the box there was a streak of brown and white fur, and inside were three little balls of fur, obviously not long in this world.

We had become parents, or godparents, or something.

When I got home, I went around accusing the neighbors of foisting these creatures off on us, but could come up with no concrete proof that any of them were guilty. I did receive offers of 12 more cats so our little brood wouldn't be lonesome. Unhappily, I marched home to survey the situation. We had four alley cats in our garage, not Persians or Angoras or any breed that would be valuable. They were just plain mongrels, and

Papa Cat didn't even have the decency to stay around to take care of his brood.

Mama Cat was extremely sullen, hissing at us at every opportunity and glaring suspiciously when we went to produce a copy of the latest annual report of everp principal corporation in America about the same time that the average U.S. stockholder will get his. For it is a known fact that Russia has, under assumed individual names, at least a few shares of every major stock on the New York Stock exchange, not only for investment, but for quick access to the operations reports of the various companies.

We have seen volumes of U.S. material sent to Russia by U.S. college librarians in exchange for Russian material. The catch is, however, that the volume from the U.S. to Russia is probably 100 times greater, and one wonders why we go to so much trouble and expense. In Russia they have full control of what material goes out... while in the U.S. it is up to the discretion of some private individual or librarian to conduct the exchange.

We have seen evidence in Russia of requests to U.S. companies for house organs, trade and employee magazines, price lists, operation manuals, catalogs, blueprints for product designs, etc. The unusual thing is that most of this material is sent to Russia at the expense of the American companies. We recall questioning an executive back home on this. His reply was: "So what; at least my son collects stamps and I encourage this correspondence with all of them."

Let's adopt as our motto, "Keep the politicians away from the pork barrel!"

D. P. BEAVER

## AFTER HOURS By John Morley

### Changes Behind the Curtain

YALTA, RUSSIA (Delayed) — In a recent report on Russia's financial crisis we reported in these columns the government's desperate attempts to avert bankruptcy by postponing the redemption and interest payments of Russian bonds another 20 years. This was the third postponement since some of these government bonds were forced on the people with the launching of the first five-year plan back in the late 20's.

Baffled by these and other economic problems, the Russian Communist government is openly turning to capitalism in the United States for solutions and relief. This cannot be kept from the Communist and non-Communist intelligentsia any longer, as these government employees are needed to handle the enormous paper work on such a project as is now going on in utter desperation for quick answers. Communism is confessing through the back door that its economic system has inherent weaknesses and distortions that are insoluble, short of repudiation or drastic measures.

itions are handled by other than official Russian sources, or even registered Russian agents in the U.S., like the Four Continent Book corporation in New York, which distributes hundreds of Russian periodicals, books and literature all over America, and collects thousands more for shipment to Russia. The Russian Amtorg Trading Corporation all over the world, including the largest branch in New York, purchases millions of dollars worth of printed material for Russian use.

In all probability more than 75% of U.S. know-how is obtained through such non-classified printed matter, available to anyone. Regardless of this non-classification, the U.S. material is the key to our capitalistic success, which Russia is collecting both for the purpose of improving their tottering economy, as well as for the purpose of study for weak spots to penetrate with Communist propaganda.

Even the casual observer sees much evidence of Russian substitution of U.S. products here. There is hardly any electrical gadget, motor car, plumbing appliance, product packaging, house furnishings and hun-

reds of every day items, that don't have the appearance of substitution of American know-how. Russian products are designed pretty much along our lines, but the finish and the detailed workmanship are far inferior, probably due to lack of experienced workers.

Russia's major weakness is related to inferior working manpower in general. They can produce high quality aircraft and military weapons through a strong concentration of their most skilled technicians and workers. But there are not enough to go around for the civilian consumer production. So the printed matter and U.S. know-how are useful in establishing procedures and techniques, and only the lack of experienced and versatile workers still leaves the Soviet state in a quandary to how to overcome this deficiency.

The important thing you observe here is that Russia is fully aware of its Communist economic and production inferiority on the consumer goods level, and they are now on a "crash basis" gathering our business and production know-how on a scale without precedent in our 28 years of reporting the Russian scene.

Probably one of the main reasons for relaxing on travel of Americans behind the Iron Curtain is to pump them for information on how capitalism overcomes the inevitable economic problems which come up in large nations. Through many financial, industrial, agricultural and other delegations they make contracts for information, booklets, technological reports, operating manuals, techniques, catalogs, etc., which they need desperately. In addition they use neutrals like India to secure for them U.S. production and financial information not readily available on the general public level.

I have heard of estimates as high as \$5,000,000 which the Russian government spends a year, just for U.S. magazines, industrial and financial trade papers, scientific and technical reports, produced both by the U.S. government and private sources. Tons of free material, including executives' speeches and reports at U.S. conventions, advertising and marketing brochures, and even telephone books, are collected and shipped to Russia from Soviet agents and commercial attaches in the U.S. and from other capitalistic nations.

The chances are that the Russian government will receive a copy of the latest annual report of everp principal corporation in America about the same time that the average U.S. stockholder will get his. For it is a known fact that Russia has, under assumed individual names, at least a few shares of every major stock on the New York Stock exchange, not only for investment, but for quick access to the operations reports of the various companies.

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## FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

### Pork Barrels Hit

Editor, HERALD,

School Superintendent Hull says, "This means a considerable saving to the taxpayer," in regard to the \$1,510,000 grant Torrance has received from the federal government. Certainly he knows better. What about the taxpayers of New York and Pennsylvania who have to put up a large share of that million and a half?

Won't we learn that we don't get something for nothing? For every telegram that Senator Kuchel so proudly sends his constituents proclaiming a federal handout, the New York and Pennsylvania senators do the same, for which we Torrance taxpayers pay.

It's just the old political pork barrel game and so long as the Easterners don't know they're paying for Torrance schools, they won't kick, and we can't complain about our money being spent in other parts of the country because we don't have any idea how much we do pay for or where it is spent.

We would all be better off solving our problems on a local level than letting Uncle Sam have his finger in everybody's pie. After all, the federal government is the most inefficient money spender there is and we (yes, you and me and our neighbors) pay for that inefficiency whether it be in New York or Torrance.

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**Bill Gets Praise**

Editor, Torrance HERALD,

There was nothing unusual about the enactment of the law curbing incorporation excesses, except the unawareness of certain politicians. At the February meeting in Lomita our Assemblyman, Vincent Thomas, announced that he would introduce a bill. All of the harbor area papers except one venom sheet informed their readers of the passage of Assembly Bill No. 2835.

Incorporation promoters could have spent some of their slush fund fighting the bill in the Senate. After it reached the governor's desk they had every opportunity to present their case to the governor. They could not have used that humbug about danger of annexation, because the governor knows that no land can be annexed against the will of the majority of the owners. They had no honest argument.

When the bill had passed both houses, a great handful of messages went to the governor from Lomita, endorsing the bill. Similar appeals went from areas which had been harassed by promoters in the eastern part of the county.

It is not unusual that this predominantly Democratic district has a Democrat as its representative, but this was not a partisan matter. Some stalwart Republicans in this area joined in urging the Governor to sign the bill.

Sincerely,  
MAY W. ROSS

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